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## Sixth term for Scott

*Progressive Conservatives win second majority*

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**  
Times Staff

The 2022 Ontario general election on Thursday, June 2 saw the lowest voter turnout in the province's history with only 43 per cent of eligible voters appearing at the polls.

The turnout was 15 per cent less than the 2018 general election, but both saw Progressive Conservative leader Doug Ford win a majority government. The Ontario PC party claimed 83 out of 124 seats in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, with Member of Provincial Parliament for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Laurie Scott securing one of them.

The HKLB riding saw 48,636 voters with former sitting member Scott claiming 52.8 per cent of votes to be re-elected.

Elected for the sixth time since 2003 to represent HKLB, Scott was happy about the outcome and was proud about her past term.

"For the last four years, it's been great in Haliburton - Kawartha Lakes - Brock. We've been able to attain many, many things. Four long-term care homes, more funding for hospitals, more internet. I'm very happy with how the last four years have gone, and I'm very humbled and honoured to be representing Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock again," she said on election night at her campaign party in Lindsay.

Scott said that she had seen a shift towards an "even stronger" PC majority in the few

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### True blue in HKLB

Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario member Laurie Scott addresses her supporters after learning she was re-elected on Thursday, June 2 at the Pie Eyed Monk in Lindsay. Scott was re-elected with 52.75 per cent of the votes cast in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding where 102,111 voters were registered. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Decrease in COVID-19 prior to possible fall increase

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

The following are brief reports from a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district

health unit press conference with medical officer of health Dr. Natalie Bocking, held virtually on June 1.

The health unit is now seeing about 10 to 20 new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 a

day, a decrease from anywhere from 60 to more than 100 new cases a day at the peak of the Omicron or Omicron variant waves. Bocking noted the region is at the "tail end" of the sixth wave of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Afterschool at ASES

Archie Stouffer Elementary School parent council opened up the school doors after hours on June 2 for an ASES community event. Nick & Benton performed a concert for families gathered in the gym, and classrooms were open for parents to tour with their children. Parent council thanks Lisa Mercer, Easton's Valu-Mart, Dollos' Foodland, the Minden Girl Guides and County-Wide Construction

Musical duo Nick & Benton (Nicholas Russell and Benton Brown) entertained the ASES community at a fun night held June 2. /Photo by Erinn Lynch



Adam Carpenter with Holly, taking in the Thursday night show. /Photo by April Austen

MH councillors ask for careful cemetery upkeep

by SUE TIFFIN  
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at a May 26 meeting of Minden Hills council, held in-person and broadcast via Zoom and YouTube.

Cemeteries are now open, and the township has begun soliciting quotes for grounds maintenance, reported Craig Belfry, community services director. He said there are a few interested contractors he has been in discussion with, and that the community services department is interviewing and trying to hire parks students. "The community services department is down 3.5 positions which is affecting our grass-cutting ability and being able to keep up with everything," he said, noting the department is short one full-time operator, one part-time casual operator and two student positions. Mayor Brent Devolin commented on cemetery maintenance, which in the past has been criticized by residents. "I don't seldom tread into this territory, in terms of council directing priorities of staff, but it's a cautionary tale, both from the perspective of a politician and on behalf of staff," said Devolin. "I know in these times with limited human resources that we can't do all the things that we wish to do in a timely fashion, but I would tell you after seven-and-a-half years, that the shape of our cemeteries - to say that the feedback can be nuclear at times - we're on the edge of this again, and just we need to do better and apply those efforts. That's just a comment, not a direction. That season is upon us again."

Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell agreed, saying, "Definitely

those cemeteries." She said she had opened an email from a concerned citizen that morning. "I understand it was the first cut probably of the season but there is quite a mess left behind and it's kind of, it's embarrassing, I guess," she said. "I know you're short-staffed and this isn't a poke at you but this is something that, as council members, we control the budget - if more money needs to be put towards this then that's the kind of thing that needs more money put towards it."

Rollerskating nights could return

As she has before, Schell asked if with the ice out of the arena, it might be possible to have a rollerblading/rollerskating Friday night event, similar to a public skating event. "It was huge when I was a kid here many years ago, and I think people would be interested," said Schell. "It might be some way to get the community out, using the community centre, and basically it could be run the same way as public skating, you bring your skates and there's a little bit of music playing in the background."

Belfry said he would ask staff to look into what kind of program might be able to take place. "I would really, really, really love to see that happen this summer if we could," said Schell. "I might even come because I just got a pair of new roller skates."

A return to in-person council

Minden Hills council met in-person on March 26 for the first time since the onset of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. "It's been over 800 days since we've been in the chambers together," said Devolin. Minden Hills council will be using a hybrid model similar to other local councils, in which council members, the municipality's CAO and some staff will meet in-person in the chambers, while department heads and members of the public continue to participate virtually. Meetings are available on YouTube for viewing live and for up to a week after the meeting occurs. "Look forward to this new chapter," said Devolin.



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Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	0	24	948.2	24	0	1	0
	Haliburton Dysart et al	0	157	2,302.1	121	36	5	2
	Haliburton Highlands East	0	43	1,222.6	38	5	0	0
	Haliburton Minden Hills	0	97	1,465.9	81	16	2	0
	Kawartha Lakes	20	2,762	3,394.5	1,800	962	66	26
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	3	220	2,796.8	196	24	6	2
Northumberland	Brighton	2	317	2,504.9	278	39	15	3
Northumberland	Cobourg	3	646	3,168.8	393	253	13	3
Northumberland	Cramahe	1	164	2,539.9	147	17	8	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	0	229	1,869.5	204	25	4	0
Northumberland	Port Hope	7	372	2,137.3	267	105	5	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	3	539	4,035.3	283	256	15	5
Total HKPRDHU All Municipalities		39	5,570	2,912.8	3,832	1,738	140	45

By the numbers

For the first time since November 2021, the COVID-19 update from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit shows no new cases of COVID-19 confirmed in Haliburton County as of May 31. On June 1, an outbreak was declared at Extendicare Haliburton. The health unit notes these numbers are not an accurate representation of possible COVID-19 spread in the community as PCR testing is limited to those in high-risk settings. This update will be shared online only on Wednesdays unless/until case numbers increase./Screenshot from HKPRDHU website



# Ontarians offered savings on travel within the province

by **VIVIAN COLLINGS**  
Times Staff

A tax incentive for Ontarians travelling locally should prove to be beneficial to Haliburton County's tourism.

The Staycation Tax Credit allows Ontario residents to claim up to 20 per cent on accommodation expenses when traveling within the province on their personal Income Tax and Benefit Return for 2022. This opportunity is meant to encourage Ontarians to travel in the province to help boost tourism sectors that may have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Any Ontario resident is eligible to claim the credit until Dec. 31, 2022. Expenses that can be claimed are stays at hotels, motels, resorts, lodges, bed-and-breakfast establishments, cottages, campgrounds, and vacation rental properties.

The Government of Ontario website says, "The credit will provide an estimated \$270 million in support to about 1.85 million Ontario families."

The Staycation Tax Credit is expected to benefit both visitors of Haliburton County as well as businesses across all tourism and hospitality sectors.

Thom Lambert, content creator for the County of Haliburton's Economic Development and Tourism Department, said, "It benefits any tourism operator in the county for a couple of reasons. First, folks are more likely to plan a trip, or extend the length of a trip, because of a tax credit. Once visitors are 'on the ground' in the county, they are going to be looking for compelling food and drink experiences as well as outdoor adventure and cultural experiences. Second, if folks already had a trip booked, they are likely to spend the extra 20 per cent on having more experiences."

Tracie Bertrand, manager of tourism for the County of Haliburton, said, "To visitors, this means they feel 'added value' to staying in Ontario. They now have a chance to afford traveling and staying in their own province."

Lambert believes that although there is no empirical evidence of a higher influx of visitors in the county this spring compared to others, he expects that accommodators will be at close to full capacity this summer.

"The last two tourist seasons in the Haliburton Highlands have been record

breaking in many ways. Hotels, motels, cottage rentals, and cottage occupations have been at incredibly high levels. The perception that we have been a safe destination to isolate away from the GTA has driven a huge amount of traffic to our area," Lambert said.

Although the Staycation Tax Credit proves to benefit most, it may not benefit all businesses.

Linda Coneybeare, travel consultant with Transat Travel, said, "With the price of gas, a spring/summer vacation at an Ontario des-

tination is not what my clients are looking for. They would prefer to travel to Europe in summer and south for the winter."

Coneybeare said that she would have liked to see the travel credit extended to places beyond Ontario to help airlines and travel agencies recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and past travel restrictions.

More information about the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit can be found at [www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-staycation-tax-credit](http://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-staycation-tax-credit).



## One-stop shop

The Haliburton Home and Cottage Show returned for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, taking place June 3, 4, and 5 at the Haliburton Curling Club and A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. More than 130 vendors participated. / VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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Council and Closed Session meetings are currently being conducted with a hybrid model of in-person and electronic participation in accordance with the Municipal Act. Members of the Public will participate electronically, until further notice. Meetings begin at 9:00 AM unless otherwise noted. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**June 9 – Regular Council Meeting**  
**June 30 – Regular Council Meeting**

Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. Meeting agendas are not displayed during the meeting, please download by visiting our website at [www.mindenhills.ca/council/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/council/). Please note the live stream file/video will be available to the public for the duration of one week after the Council Meeting.

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- Community Services Operator
- Community Services Casual Operator
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## ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS LIST?

Find out if you are on the voters list for the upcoming municipal and school board elections at [voterlookup.ca](http://voterlookup.ca). Voterlookup.ca is an online service used to collect and confirm information that will be used in the preparation of the final Voters' Lists across Ontario. You can also change your school support for electoral purposes and add names to your property address. If you do not have access to the internet, please visit the Administration Office, Clerks Department, 7 Milne St., Minden. If you need support, please call 1-866-296-6722.



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New Democratic Party of Ontario candidate Barbara Doyle takes questions at her campaign office on Thursday, June 2 in Lindsay. Doyle finished second to Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario candidate Laurie Scott.



The Liberal's Don McBey received 6,606 votes or 13.58 per cent of the votes for the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding in the provincial election. McBey finished third. /Photos by DARREN LUM Staff

## 'I'm very happy with how the last four years have gone': Scott

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days leading up to election night, which gave her an extra boost of confidence.

"I'm feeling very good tonight. We had a great campaign with great weather, and it was nice reconnecting with people after the pandemic. I was surprised at how quick the election was called at 9:11 p.m. with the electronic voting," Scott said, soon after the polls closed at 9 p.m. on June 2.

Scott reflected on achievements, most notably, how she brought awareness to the prevalence of human trafficking and other passion projects of both hers and the PC party.

"Human trafficking is always a definite passion. I was very, very passionate about broadband, I must say, and I worked very hard on that portfolio. I'll always have a passion for health care because I was a nurse for 20 years, and I think there are a lot of challenges, but lots of good options that will evolve as we go forward."

Scott also reflected on her family's history in politics as her father, William C. Scott, served as MP in Victoria-Haliburton from 1965 and onward to win six more elections.

"People did say in the campaign trail, I got it more this time around, that they have voted for a Scott every time there is a Scott on the ballot," Scott said.

The New Democratic Party regained Official Opposition status, but leader Andrea Horwath resigned shortly after election results were in.

Barbara Doyle, NDP candidate for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, was optimistic before polls closed because of the support her campaign team received.

"I'm much more confident to talk about provincial issues," said Doyle, who previously has run as NDP's federal candidate in the riding. "It was much easier to talk about these things that I already talk about everyday like health care and education. People were a lot more receptive this year, and we have amazing supporters, members, and volunteers. Lots of people were telling us that they were voting NDP for the first time ever. Everything that was broken pre-COVID was more broken during COVID such as huge issues in health care and long-term care. It really highlighted how vulnerable we are."

Doyle was disheartened by the results of the election on Thursday night but attended Scott's campaign party to congratulate her on winning.

"I am scared for every Ontarian across the province," Doyle said to the *Times* on Friday, June 3. "I'm very dismayed with the results here in this riding. So many people didn't vote, and I'm surprised at such a big PC win when that's not what we were hearing on the ground."

Doyle wanted to thank all of her supporters for their encouragement.

"We just want our supporters to know how grateful we are for their dedication to us and their continued support. These were not the results we were hoping for at all, but we are going to keep fighting and working every day."

Doyle will be returning to her job as curator at the Kawartha Lakes Museum and will continue volunteer work with numerous community organizations.



The Ontario Party's candidate Kerstin Kelly takes questions on election night. Kelly received 3,863 votes, or 7.94 per cent of the votes cast in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding in the provincial election. Kelly finished fourth to Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario member Laurie Scott.

The Liberals failed to secure official party status with only eight seats in the Legislative Assembly, and Steven Del Duca resigned as their leader.

Before polls closed on Thursday night, HKLB Liberal candidate Don McBey said, "We're happy with the campaign we ran, coming from a third position, we wanted to make sure we covered the whole riding. We had some really good mailings and voter contact. Feedback from constituents was very positive. Big concerns about health care and long-term care from seniors, and for young people, affordable housing and daycare."

McBey said he was discouraged by the lack of PC presence at the candidate debates.

"This was such a short campaign, and nobody really got the chance to see Laurie [Scott] because she hadn't shown up to any of the debates. With the one televised debate they had, they left the PC podium there to show that [Scott] wasn't there. With all-candidates meetings, they widen the discussion of policy, and the three-way discussions we had with the Green Party and NDP, we agree on so many things. It's hard because we didn't have the PC representative there to defend their position, which made the meetings awkward. I think there would've been a better campaign if there were more opportunities for all-candidates meetings, even if they were virtual."

McBey received 13.6 per cent of the votes in the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding, which was up from Brooklynne Cramp-Waldinsperger's 9.9 per cent in the 2018 general election.

"We have a traditional Liberal vote in this riding, and I think a lot of those people stayed home or didn't come out in the last election. We are seeing that vote bounce back," McBey said.

Haliburton County resident and Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Green Party candidate Tom Regina said that he did not expect the election results.

"What a result overall, it feels overwhelming and surreal. I got a lot of good response, personally and heard a lot of dissatisfaction with the premier and even for our [former sitting member], who is generally, well loved. I would not have predicted the way it went," Regina said the day after the election.

He said that the party had gained an abundance of experience over the past two elections, and they will use that knowledge to help gain more support in the future.

"I had a very small team and modest resources, so taking that into consideration we did quite well; way more bang for our buck. We would like to be able to keep our riding association going between election cycles so as to build a strong foundation of support for our next candidate."

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Ontario Party leader Kerstin Kelly said that their campaign received a lot of support when visiting the Haliburton area.

"There are so many amazing people in Haliburton, Kawartha Lakes, and Brock. It was outstanding to meet everyone. The election is made to be very supportive of [the former sitting member], but that's OK. I had a super large team that worked very hard and covered most of the riding and were very thorough. Supporters really desperately need a change. They say the world is going in a bad way and that we need some goodness back. The Ontario Party is offering that truth and transparency. We need to bring the power back to the people. This was the land of freedom and opportunity, and it certainly hasn't been that over the past few years."

Kelly was expecting "an upset" in the riding and gained 7.9 per cent of the total vote in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

On Friday, June 3, Kelly said in a tweet, "Thank you to everyone who supported us. We ran a good campaign ... this is only the beginning."



# Health unit moves to weekly reporting of COVID-19 stats

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As of the time of the media briefing last week, Bocking said there were three outbreaks in high-risk settings. Locally, test positivity – though PCR testing remains limited to those in high-risk settings only – was down to about 7.7 per cent, at its peak being 23 per cent and currently in the province being recorded between eight to nine per cent.

“Certainly not down to zero, but a level we haven’t seen since the introduction of the Omicron variant,” Bocking said.

There had been three hospital admissions in the past 14 days.

Wastewater surveillance was indicating a decrease in COVID activity, with sewersheds in Lindsay and Cobourg being monitored. Lindsay’s viral signal showed a decrease to pre-Omicron levels, the lowest it’s been for some time, while Cobourg had experienced a slight bump back up recently but was hopefully on the way down, said Bocking.

“I anticipate really because Omicron is so contagious, it’s not going to disappear completely,” said Bocking. “We’re going to see likely an ongoing trickle of cases. We might see little bumps in our wastewater surveillance data, but hopefully now we’re in a period of time where we’re not seeing a significant increase or another surge or wave ... our hope and outlook is that we wouldn’t see it until the fall, unless a new variant were to emerge.”

Bocking said during the Omicron variant wave since the beginning of January, 77 outbreaks in the highest risk settings, 140 hospital admissions, 27 ICU admissions and 45 deaths were recorded. Since the beginning

of the pandemic in March 2020, 108 deaths related to COVID-19 have occurred in the region.

As the incidence of COVID-19 has decreased, so too will the health unit’s dashboard updates, with those updates now occurring once weekly, on Wednesdays, unless or until another increase in activity occurs.

## Staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccination

The schedule for vaccinations has gotten more complicated, said Bocking, and for the public to know who is eligible for which dose. See [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca) for more information.

She said those 60 and older are currently eligible for a second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

Throughout the region she said there’s been “good uptake,” among those 90 and older, with 90.7 per cent of people having received their first booster dose and 42.8 per cent having received their second booster dose.

Among the entire population, 28 per cent have received a second booster dose.

“So certainly a large number of people that are still eligible for their second booster dose,” Bocking said.

She reminded individuals at highest risk that vaccines provide “very good protection” against severe illness, hospitalization and death.

“It’s not 100 per cent, but it’s highly effective and one of the best tools we have at preventing severe illness,” Bocking said.

For those with stem cell implants, solid organ recipients and people undergoing therapy

for cancer, it’s especially important to be up-to-date with receiving vaccinations.

Bocking said for people who have had COVID-19, it’s still recommended to be vaccinated, as there’s some natural immunity after the infection but that doesn’t seem to be as durable or strong as vaccination.

“There are some studies that are indicating if you receive vaccination after being infected with COVID, it further boosts your immune response, and therefore it increases your protection against severe illness with COVID-19,” she said.

The current recommendation is that if you’ve had COVID, you should wait approximately five months or so before you get your next dose of vaccine when it’s due, but depending on what your risk is for more severe illness it might make sense for you to receive it sooner than five months, said Bocking, recommending that people contact their primary care provider to discuss best practices.

## Vaccine availability

COVID-19 vaccine is available at participating pharmacies, through some primary care providers, and at health unit led clinics.

A GO-VAXX bus will be at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena at 55 Parkside Street in Minden on June 20 and 28 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on July 12 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins available (no appointment needed).

A GO-VAXX bus will be on site at the Haliburton Welcome/Tourism Information Centre at 7 York Street in Haliburton on June 14 and 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins available (no appointment needed).

In Gooderham, a GO-VAXX bus will be

on site on June 23 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Walk-ins available (no appointment needed).

Additional appointments might be available through [covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine](http://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine).

## Vaccines for the youngest community members

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved vaccine for those under the age of five. Data is currently being reviewed by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization for Canada. Bocking said she expects to see the results of that review and official Health Canada approval or recommendations for the use of vaccine in that age group in the next couple of months, likely over the summer.

## Health unit messaging

Bocking said the message regarding COVID-19 safety remains the same, including that people wear masks where they can’t keep a distance from others in large crowded events.

“This is not just to do with protecting oneself, but also protecting those other community members that are at higher risk of illness,” Bocking said. “Again, masks are easy and effective and in those highest risk scenarios, we do still have COVID-19 infection in the community.”

Otherwise, she said, now is the time to look forward to the summer months ahead, spend time outside, reconnect with family members that haven’t been seen, “before we look to the fall where I would anticipate we would see an increase in activity again.”



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## Getting it done

**I**T FELT LIKE I had no sooner sat down to organize the *Times/Echo* live blog on election night, that the winner had been declared.

The night itself wasn't particularly exciting for those watching from home - save for the nail-biting moment when the race between Barrie's longtime mayor Jeff Lehman and Ontario's attorney general Doug Downey was separated by two votes - nor the election results surprising if you believe polls (the National Post's "Déjà blue" headline a real winner) or invigorating if you wanted change.

The next morning brought astonishment of, and frustration with, the concerning low voter turnout - a historical low, CBC early on noting it the "lowest turnout in the province since Confederation" - and a revival of electoral-reform conversations when it became clear the Progressive Conservatives had won with 18 per cent of the vote [see Jim Poling Sr.'s column on Page 7 for more].

Ideally, unless the PCs suddenly become interested in a change in the first-past-the-post system that is benefitting them ("You really don't expect turkeys to vote for Thanksgiving," Tim Abray, a PhD candidate and teaching fellow at Queen's University told TVO) the conversation can focus on why people didn't vote - what made people so disengaged in an election that we have been told has dire consequences for the future of health care, our education system and the climate change crisis?

But until that change happens and the reasons for voter apathy rectified, what next?

Now, we look forward to what Doug Ford's government and our sixth-time MPP Laurie Scott have planned to help get the province and our rural region and those of us who live here, in a better place than we are now - in the next four years, and quickly. While PC members weren't so accessible during the election

campaign, we expect to hear them speak out loud and clear for our province and our community in this time of great need.

We need affordable housing, more of it, and every house that is built from here on in needs to be accessible.

We need the province to make immediate, radical change to the way we treat our elders and aging population.

We need big moves to stop environmental degradation, even if that means - especially if that means - not constructing a highway where watersheds and endangered species might be at risk.

We need to support teachers, nurses, doctors, and those working in systems who are telling us those systems have historically worked better than they are today. We also need those systems to

remain public and ensure every resident regardless of race, income, or social status has access to quality care and education.

We need the Ontario Disability Support Program to offer stability for those using it - currently the maximum amount one can receive for basic needs and shelter is \$1,169, significantly lower than

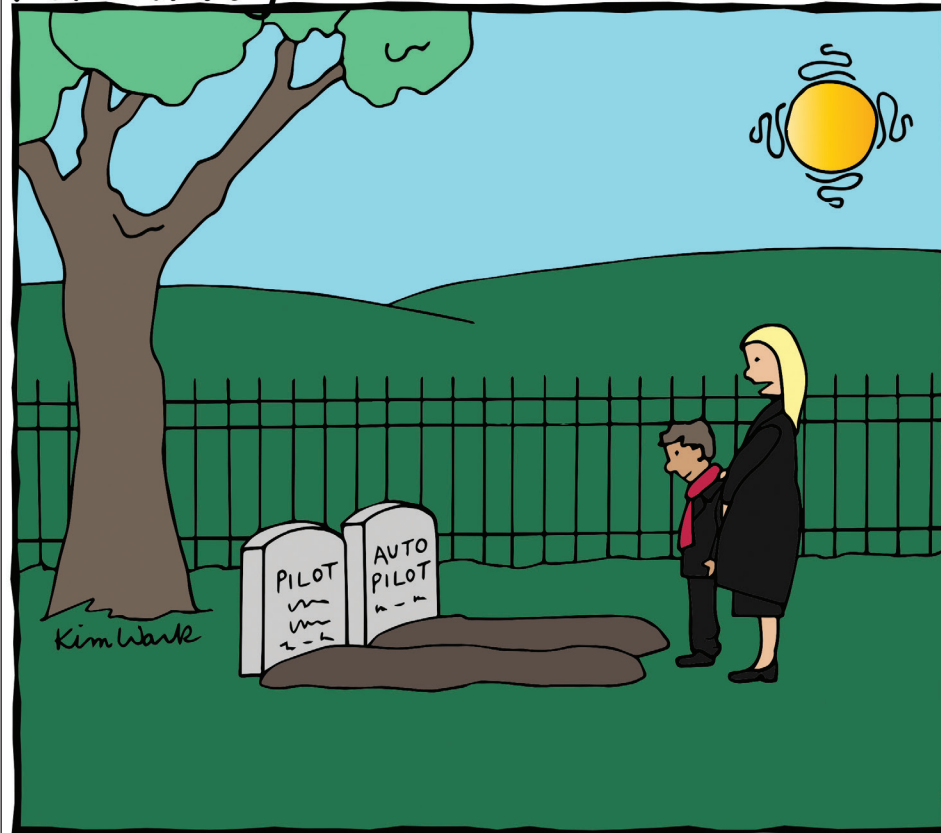
what was deemed suitable for the monthly Canada Emergency Response Benefit - and the establishment of a guaranteed basic income program.

We need leaders who will stand up to hatred and division - this should not need to be said and it is a shame that we are saying it more and more. While it might take time to pass legislation and make change happen at every level of government, the response to hate speech and acts of hate from individuals, groups, or fellow politicians should be immediate. Anything less is not what we teach our children about caring for each other. Anything less is not progressive.

So much progress can be made during the term of a majority government. Progress can also be stalled. If the Ford government will be getting it done, the rest of us need to insist on progress. That would be particularly exciting.

**SUE TIFFIN**  
Editor

## Kwarky



"They were inseparable right up until the end."

## Fishy as can be

**T**HE OTHER day I read a story about how a court in California had ruled that bees can now be classified as fish in that state. The lawyers who pushed this argument did so for the best of reasons. They realized that if bees were classified as fish, they would get better environmental protection, which was much needed. So, they found a loophole and made it happen.

As I said, they meant well. But if this judgment becomes the norm in other jurisdictions such as our own province, I worry this might backfire for the bees.

That's because those environmental lawyers did not bother to take anglers into account.

You see, if bees are now fish, there will be a portion of the angling community who will want to pursue this exciting new species and perhaps catch and release a limit of them just to be the first ones on that train. And some will even begin experimenting on how to make a good shore lunch with them.

And it doesn't matter if these bee fish are eaten or released, you will soon start seeing a spate of social media posts showing anglers posing with bees they just caught. Pretty soon, fishing for bees will become trendy.

There will probably be guides and charter boats that excel at targeting the species.

Right after that, it will get real crazy, really quick. Anglers will start to get competitive about the size of bees caught and start vying for a coveted world record title. Also, due to the way we anglers use our cameras and wide-angle lenses to play with perspective and enhance the size of

our catch, non-anglers will start getting concerned after seeing photos of what appear to be four-pound bees. And this could scare people and even turn public opinion against this struggling new fish species.

Worse still, it would create a whole new set of angling techniques. Because whenever a new species is available, anglers go crazy to perfect ways to catch them.

Tackle companies will begin to design and market lures and baits specifically for this new species of type of flying fish. Before you know it, this will have changed the meaning of buzz-baits and stinger

hooks. And, mark my words, there will be lures that look like bright flowers and clover.

Then there will be a score of magazine articles and fishing show segments on how to catch bees using various techniques as well as how to find destinations loaded with "honey holes." There will also be arguments over whether bees are pound-for-pound the toughest fish out there. At least

one angler will proclaim herself Queen of the Bees. People will start websites solely dedicated to promoting bee fishing.

New gear will obviously be developed with rods that are meant to put bait on a hive at 50 feet. Finer meshed fishing nets and angler-inspired epi-pens will also hit the market. And as always, old timers like myself will soon be lamenting the days before the bee-fishing craze became front and centre.

And we will scoff at the idea that a bee is a fish and that you need new gear to catch one. Instead, we will just adapt our fly rods. And then, when no one is watching, we will see what all the buzz is about.

**STEVE GALEA**  
Beyond 35



# IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

## Creating better informed voters

The really good news about last week's Ontario election is that its citizens remain pragmatic, rather than dogmatic.

Voters didn't re-elect Doug Ford's government because they absolutely love it or passionately believe in it. They voted for it because they felt that is the best they could do considering other choices.

Ontario voters always have placed pragmatism above party loyalty. When they felt Conservatives could govern better than others, they voted them in. Ditto Liberals and New Democrats.

Ontario even elected a United Farmers Party back in 1919. They might not have really liked the party, nor its politicians, but they felt that was the best they could do at the time.



**JIM POLING SR.**

*From Shaman's Rock*

Dumping party loyalty voting for pragmatic voting is a good thing because party loyalty often breeds fanaticism. Whatever your party believes and does, you stand by it whether it is good for the citizens or not.

Look at the United States. Democrats and Republicans are so frozen into their parties' opposing beliefs that the country has become ungovernable.

Its citizens are suffering because the parties refuse to step off the party line.

Party tribalism in that country has made it impossible to control gun violence, despite more than 250 mass shootings this year. That's an average of roughly 1.5 mass shootings (four or more people shot dead) every day.

Meanwhile, the really bad news about last week's Ontario election was the low voter turnout. Only 43 per cent of eligible voters cast a ballot compared to 57 per cent in 2018.

When the math is done, that huge Progressive Conservative majority chosen to govern the province for the next four years was elected by just 18 per cent of all eligible Ontario voters.

That low vote, the lowest in the province's history, is being attributed to voter apathy. Many potential voters did not see the Ford government as excellent. Nor did they see it as a disaster. They saw no need for a change, so were not motivated to vote.

The sad fact is not only was the majority of eligible voters not motivated to vote, they were not prepared. Most of us, whether we vote or not, are not well informed when choosing our governments.

We see a few manipulative political TV ads, follow uneducated voices on social media and listen to our friends, most of whom are no better informed than we are. We like style more than substance.

We don't spend time seriously studying the issues or the candidates and their leaders. That's why the world in general has so many mediocre politicians, and leaders who would have trouble running a peanut stand.

I blame our education systems. They fail to educate our children about the critical importance of selecting governments and leaders, or how to think deeply and critically in deciding who to elect.

As the American comedian Bill Maher said on TV the other night: People are so dumb (he used other words that I can't use here) you wonder how a country can continue to exist.

We need education systems that provide strong courses in civics. Systems that teach our children the importance of quality leadership and what qualities to look for in good leaders. And, how to focus on substance instead of style when deciding who you want to lead you.

We need to elect people with the backbone to reject party policy when they think it is wrong. People who do what they think is right, not what the party wants. People who reject the party line even if it makes them outliers and costs them votes.

I'm not saying the few voters who did cast ballots last week elected the right or wrong government. I don't have a preference. I've voted for each of the major parties at one time or another.

I am saying that whatever governments we do elect, must be better.

The potential catastrophes facing our current and future world are unprecedented.

We have the resources and the ingenuity to fight them. What we don't have are well-informed and engaged electorates to vote in governments and leaders who will bring fearless excellence to the fight.

Better education in civics can give us that.



### Into the sunset

Sundown on the first evening of June as seen from Bobcaygeon Road. /Photo by Guenter Horst

### letters to the editor

## Re: Thinking community-based elder care

### To the Editor,

The pandemic has shed a spotlight on our broken long-term care system which has been a long-standing issue for more than 30 years. Trying to fix our broken LTC system is not the answer. We need a huge transformation. Recent polls done by The National Institute on Aging found that more than 95 per cent of persons want to avoid long-term institutional care.

"Stop referring to us as a bed," Jennifer Brown, a resident of the Toronto LTC Centre said in a recent CBC interview. "Our government needs to look at what Scandinavian countries are doing and treat people like human beings."

The Haliburton Highlands Long-Term Care Coalition, Re:Think LTC and Those Other Movies are pleased to host three community discussions in an 'Aging Together As Community' event.

Participants will view the inspirational Danish documentary, *It Is Not Over Yet*, highlighting an innovative Danish, community-based model of elder care. Based on a compassionate care ap-

proach it enables individuals with dementia to live in small home-like settings, with dignity, grace and joy. We will break into small groups to share how as a community we value aging, and brainstorm what that vision could truly look and feel like. Together we will explore the possibility of home based alternatives to institutional care that takes profits out of care, promotes assisted living and we will begin to create a plan to move forward in Haliburton County.

Discussions will take place on Wednesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce, Thursday, June 23 at 6 p.m., at the Minden Lions Club and Friday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at the Haliburton United Church. All are welcome! Masks are encouraged and appreciated. Refreshments will be provided.

For more information please contact 705-457-6579, email [hhlcccoalition@gmail.com](mailto:hhlcccoalition@gmail.com) or visit our FB page or website: [ltneddyou.ca](http://ltneddyou.ca)

**Bonnie Roe  
Minden**

### HCPL's Jr. Book of the Month - June



How does a home-cooked breakfast give a little girl the energy she needs for a brand-new day? In gently expressive language, her mother takes readers on a journey into the earth where sleepy seeds are tickled awake and grow into golden oats; into blueberry patches, where green leaves break apart water and air to build sweet sugar; and into a pasture where sun becomes grass, becomes cow, becomes milk.

Author Laura Alary's free verse breaks big ideas into child-sized pieces, making *Sun in My Tummy* an accessible introduction to the concepts of matter and energy, and how the sun's light becomes fuel for our bodies through the food we eat. Andrea Blinick's beautiful mixed-media illustrations pair the cozy with the dramatic as she takes readers

from the kitchen to the farm field and to the sky and back. *Sun in My Tummy* is a beautiful tale for a sunny afternoon. Check it out from Haliburton County Public Library today.



Forty-one students from Grades 9 to 12 spent four days in Quebec City last week, practicing their French and learning about Québécois culture and traditions. /Photo submitted by Christine Carr



# Bonjour Quebec: HHSS students travel and learn

Last week, 41 Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students from Grades 9 to 12 visited Quebec City. The four-day trip was French-themed, offering students the opportunity to practice their French and learn about Québécois culture and traditions. Students were able to par-

ticipate in activities such as a traditional Québécois meal and music at a sugar shack, learning about the history and experiencing the culture of Old Quebec, experiencing life as a soldier in the War of 1812, seeing natural wonders such as the Montmorency Falls, and visiting the traditional Huron village

of Wendake. Students had a great time!

*Submitted by Christine Carr, HHSS faculty*





# Students of the arts

Trillium Lakelands Arts Camp took place from May 22 to 27 at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. The camp is open to all TLDSB students in Grades 7 to 12 and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the arts. Students receive specialized instructions for instrumental and vocal music, drama, musical theatre, dance, and visual arts within an exciting overnight camp experience.

This arts camp is set up with four periods throughout the day. There are evening concerts daily, featuring performances from major artists, a presentation from local visual artists, and an art display.

*Submitted by Sinead Fegan  
TLDSB communications officer*





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# Land trust receives \$28K grant for species at risk stewardship

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust has been awarded a Species at Risk Stewardship Program grant of \$28,715 from Ontario Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

The grant will be used to further the knowledge of species at risk on HHLT properties and other lands of high conservation value in the county. Priorities will be on a rare wet-land plant and two of Ontario's "lost" native ladybugs : the nine-spotted and transverse lady beetles.

"We will engage targeted audiences and the general public through media campaigns, presentations and citizen science initiatives to survey and submit observations in targeted areas within Haliburton County," said land trust chair Shelley Hunt. "As well as increase

awareness and promote stewardship of these species at risk."

The two "lost" lady beetle species were common and abundant in Ontario in the past, but have not been seen for decades. Targeted areas within HHLT properties and high conservation value lands will be surveyed over the coming summer, to gain a greater understanding of the distribution within Ontario of these rare species.

Watch throughout the coming weeks for more information, including how citizen scientists can help HHLT in this research project. Visit [www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca](http://www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca) for more details and resources.

- Staff



## New beginnings

Fourteen of close to 80 Haliburton School of Art + Design - Fleming College graduates celebrated after their in-person convocation on Friday, June 3. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Zenon Bigg, valedictorian at Haliburton School of Art + Design - Fleming College, gives a speech during their convocation on Friday, June 3. Bigg said, "My favourite part of this arts community is the good-natured, criticism, support, and encouragement from my fellow artists."



## HHSS Co-op SERIES

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Sydney Christian works with a part before installing during her co-op placement at a residence in Haliburton.

Sydney welcomes the opportunity for a career in the trades because of her aptitude for the work.



Plumber Ed Docherty and his daughter Sydney Christian discuss the next course of action at a job site in Haliburton. Christian is a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student who received hands-on training through her co-op placement. /DARREN LUM Staff



Sydney Christian installs piping during her co-op placement.

# Making connections to a career

*Trade work will fund HHSS student's equine passion*

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

The following story is the last in a series of co-op placement stories featuring Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students and area employers in Haliburton County. Open to Grade 11 and 12 students, the co-op program enables students to earn high school credits by integrating course curriculum with learning at a work placement.

There's a lot of belief derived from doing. Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Sydney Christian surprised herself throughout her hands-on training with her father learning about plumbing during her co-op experience.

Sydney is pragmatic about the career, saying money is a motivator for her desire to plumbing.

"It was kind of like they make good money and I have a good brain for it," she said.

Her father Ed Docherty, who was subcontracted for the plumbing work clarifies his daughter is "mechanically inclined." He adds she's been helping him since she was 12.

From the online job bank Indeed, the average hourly pay for a plumber is \$34.62 in Ontario. Taking the four-credit co-op was part of her plan for a lucrative career, which will help fund her love of horses.

The Grade 12 student said the full immersion of hands-on training with her father was the best for her.

"It's a good opportunity to get out of class and learn something you can use in life and get out there and get hands-on and do stuff that you need to know," she said.

Sydney learned about the tools and how to use them, the fittings and steps and techniques for installation, which varies depending on work sites. At a Haliburton work site, she learned how to install a shower valve and how to replace a water pump.

Her father believes the shortages in the trades could be alleviated by drawing more

women like his daughter.

"We need more and they need to know they can do that," he said.

He said the importance is also related to the changing world and that the market's need demands it.

"There's lots of work in the trades. Yeah, we're starving for trades all over the place. My phone rings off the hook," he said, adding he turns away about 50 per cent of his calls.

Originally from Barrie, Docherty moved here 20 years ago.

Before he started his own plumbing business about 10 years ago he was an employee of Stoughton Electric. He said Jason Stoughton provided him help to start his own business and he was busy right from the start.

He believes co-op offers students such as his daughter vital learning opportunities.

"It gets the kids out, so they can learn and see if they like it or not and see how it actually is out there. I think Sydney found it was a lot different than what she thought it would be," he said. "Hopefully, she'll stick with it afterwards and become a plumber too."

The experience, she said, has given her a sense of empowerment regarding her capabilities.

Her comprehension about the relationship of the pipes, as far as where everything goes and how they fit together has grown beyond her expectations. It's provided a feeling of achievement.

Sydney didn't consider a career working with horses because of the poor potential for income and knew plumbing could offer an opportunity to earn enough money to own horses. Her family owns four horses, so she is aware of the expenses.

She said the valuable lesson she has taken from co-op, which is something she wants others to understand, is that experiencing something can help one believe they can do it.

The 17-year-old said from doing the work "that I can try and I can [achieve]."

Update: Sydney continues to work with her father while attending school and is enrolled in the mechanical trades dual credit

program, which provides her an opportunity to earn college and high school credits while developing her plumbing skills.

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**Cheers to 75 years of Rotary**

Almost 20 past presidents of Minden Rotary were at the service club's 75 year celebration gala dinner event held on June 4. The event honoured the work the local club has done to contribute to the community, as well as the impact of members on international efforts including Rotary's polio eradication initiative. Back row, from left: Dennis Casey, Ethel Muli, Dr. Peter Bennett, Barry Cray, Jack Brezina, Paul Sisson, Bill Obee, Bill Roodenburg, Al Mayo, Dick Schell, Lynda Litwin, Peter Rigby. Front row from left: Brent Devolin, Jeanne Anthon, Jerry Rome, Kay Godden, Dave Bonham, Betty Mark and Molly McInerney.

For more photos from the event, visit [mindentimes.ca](http://mindentimes.ca).



Outgoing Minden Rotary club president Lynda Litwin introduced incoming president Dave Woodcroft.



Past-president Jeanne Anthon took a moment prior to a group photo to ensure the sash on her fellow past-president colleagues - like Brent Devolin, seen here - was correctly positioned.



**26th Annual General Meeting of  
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Due to current COVID-19 restrictions and precautions that remain in place at HHHS, the 26th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation (HHHS) will be held as a virtual meeting conducted through the Zoom application. In order to participate, Corporation members and members of the public who wish to attend will require an invitation, which will provide further information on how to participate.

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# Valdy makes memories with Love at the Dominion

Who said dreams can't come true? Over 40 years ago I had a Juno nomination and got seated next to a music legend - Valdy! Last night, June 3, Linda [Love], Ken [Loney], Shawn [Chamberlin] and I opened for him with songs from my new album Last Man Standing. What an incredible experience!

And here's a way to get over nerves in front of an audience. Have a music legend sit in front of you and say, "can I help?" when you are doing the sound check and listen intently while you play your songs. I was so nervous playing in front of him, I had no strength left to be nervous that night!

And wonderful professional gentleman that he is, he gave us frank and useful tips about how to stand, work the board, how to play and never with the idea of superiority - just one professional to another.

And then we got to watch a true road warrior entertain a crowd. He is in his mid-70's and the energy and genuine love for the crowd was another lesson - a master class in entertainment 101.

I'm only a kid of 66 so I've still got time to learn!

*Submitted by Jim Love*

*(Jim launched his new album Last Man Standing the next night. To learn more, visit <https://music.jimlove.com/>.)*

Canadian folksinger Valdy returned to the Dominion in Minden for his fifth visit, to play a show on June 3. Slinky and the Boys opened the show. Here, Jim Love, left, and Ken Loney, right speak with "Canada's Storyteller" before the show. /Photo by Linda Love



# Art in the Garden returns

by VIVIAN COLLINGS  
Times Staff

Art in the Garden is returning for the second year at Glass Eagle Studios and Creative Garden Centre at 2801 Blairhampton Road in Minden on June 18 and 19.

The art show will feature 10 local artists, each with their own booth in the garden, and the show will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Stained glass artist Tom Green said, "When we hosted this event last year, it was a great success. Six of us artists had decided that despite living in a pandemic, we were still going to make art and share it with the community, and this year, we have four more artists joining including Limbic Collective."

The art show this year will feature a live band from Fenelon Falls called Dig the Moon.

"After a spontaneous concert put on by two flute players last year, we knew we had to bring back live music to the garden," Green said.

Food and refreshments will be available at this free event, and the artists are excited to share their work and love of art with visitors.

For more information about Glass Eagle Studios and Creative Garden Centre, visit [www.glasseaglestudios.wordpress.com](http://www.glasseaglestudios.wordpress.com).

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# Look Talk Make: A bundle for joy

by JERELYN CRADEN  
Special to the Times

Irony, fate, call it what you will, when you look at the timeline that led to the creation of the new Look Talk Make (LTM) program – a collaboration between Fay Wilkinson of The Creative Cocoon and Laurie Jones of Rails End Gallery – it appears that the planets aligned just in time for the duo’s antidote to the feeling of isolation brought on by COVID, illness, aging and more. LTM is different, fun, and creative. It sparks your brain, strengthens your immune system, frees you from the emotional shackles of separation, and it comes in the form of a bundle.

Walker Routledge, activity aide at Hyland Crest who is currently running the LTM program for long-term residents said, “The bundles have everything we need: instructions, materials, story booklets, etc. Regardless of cognitive capabilities, they thoroughly enjoy the activity. Having so many options and materials included in the bundles lets them guide the activity in the way they want that keeps them engaged, entertained, and smiling.”

## What is Look Talk Make?

LTM is an activity designed for two people of any age to do together. A parent and their young child. A grandmother and her adult daughter. A couple. A caregiver and the person being cared for.

“The program was inspired by Adriane Boag, director of the National Gallery of



Joanne Brown displays her work after a Look Talk Make session. /Photos submitted by Brittany Burton

Australia,” Wilkinson, registered expressive arts practitioner and owner of the Creative Cocoon, said. “In 2019, before COVID hit, she did some workshops here. She took those



Nancy Farrell shows the work she created using materials in a Look Talk Make box.

living with Alzheimer’s and their caregivers to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery in Minden and did a session using the paintings of André Lapine.”

“Then she came to the Rails End Gallery,” Jones, executive director/curator of the Rails End Gallery said, “and we did a session with healthcare workers – nurses, caregivers and management, too. They looked at the artwork in the gallery and Adriane led them in a workshop that got them responding to what they saw. They were eloquent. The interaction was incredible. People were saying, ‘This is amazing!’”

This inspired Wilkinson and Jones to collaborate on the LTM pilot program which evolved into a bundle of packaged materials: instructions, stencils and paper shapes, a felt board and felt cut-outs, watercolour pencils, watercolour crayons, a brush, glue stick, paper, story booklets, and more. Its key component – a 12 x 12-inch painting that had previously been part of a Rails End Gallery exhibition called Art Squared.

LOOK is how the activity begins. Two participants take the painting out of the bundle and look at it. It might be an abstract, or imagery that is clearly defined. Then, they look at the enclosed starter cards that have questions such as: What title might you give this painting? What draws your eye? Where do you imagine this might be? What’s beyond the frame?

TALK is the next step. “Talking with another person about what you are both experiencing can relieve the stress of isolation,” Jones said. “People can feel isolated even in the company of others. You run out of things to talk about. What LTM does in maybe 30 to 60 minutes is dissolve invisible barriers with a shared focus.”

According to Koenraad Cuypers, a researcher at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, the Nord-Trøndelag Health Study that collected the data of those participating in cultural activities like going to art galleries, museums, and concerts had increased rates of good health, satisfaction with one’s life, and lowered rates of anxiety and depression. That means that people who enjoy looking at art get health benefits as well as people who enjoy making art.

MAKE comes next. A two-sided card invites the participants to make something from their thoughts and feelings about the painting.

“We suggest that they are playful with it,” Wilkinson said, “that they find a comfortable spot, and that they can’t get it wrong.”

Side One reads: (1) Stencils. Use them with your crayons to create a new picture. (2) Paper shapes. Decorate or colour them and glue them to create a flat or 3-D picture. (3) Felt board. Use the felt shapes to create a new picture. (4) Add in any of your own supplies.

Side Two invites you to: Be inspired by the painting and/or your creations from stencils, shapes, or felt board. (1) Create a story together or separately in the Story Booklet. (2) There are ideas on how to start each page, but you can ignore them and go your own way. (3) It can be made with words, images, sketches, or any combination like a graphic novel. (4) You can revisit your story and change the ending or come up with several endings. (5) Be playful and have fun. You can’t get it wrong!

At the end of January 2022, the Haliburton County Development Corporation gave the Rails End Gallery a grant to further the LTM program. “That allowed us to make ten bundles,” Wilkinson said, “and to hire Noelia Marziali to create videos and accompanying print materials (instruction guide, conversation starter cards, etc.) as fabricator designer of the bundles.”

As of this writing, only the pilot program and long-term care residents at Hyland Crest have experienced using the bundles.

“Our mission is to serve the public interest,” Jones said. “If we had a lending library of these bundles, it would be great. Someone might say, ‘I want to take out a bundle for a month. My mother will be visiting from Calgary.’”

“We might be able to get a local organization to sponsor LTM so that it could circulate for one year in the community, because the materials need to be replenished. A watercolour crayon costs about four dollars, plus the cost of paper and other materials,” Wilkinson said.

“Sponsorship could also pay for some training,” she said. “For example, a family member who is going into long-term care. We could walk a few of their family members through the bundles so that they have an idea of where to begin with their loved one.”

Jones added, “A sponsor could pay for the training of facilitators – different service providers in various organizations to work with their designated population in the county.”

Hyland Crest’s Routledge shared his personal favourite experience running the LTM program:

“A resident looked at one of the abstract paintings in the bundle and talked about a garden where she fell in love. She used the felt pieces and made her own abstract garden on the felt board. I can see this being implemented not only into more long-term care homes, but day programs, community care, and schools.”

To express interest in the LTM program, contact: Laurie Jones at: info@railsendgallery.com or Fay Wilkinson at: fay@thecreativecocoon.com.

To watch the introductory LTM video go to: <https://www.flipsnack.com/railsendgallery/look-talk-make-ilot.htm>.

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*Answers on page 1*



## KINMOUNT NEWS

# Fill your calendar with Kinmount

by LYNNE KILBY  
Special to the Times

Joyful! Cheerful! That was the feeling for those in attendance at the Meet Your Kinmount Community event. Volunteers from local groups set up informative displays that included interaction, free draws, give aways and plenty of smiles.

People happily visited with those they had not seen in a long time and new acquaintances were forged. One of the display highlights was a sneak peak of the third section of a mural depicting Kinmount Fair throughout the years.

The entire mural may be viewed at this year's 150th Fair on Labour Day weekend.

Meet Your Community was a collaborative event headed up by the Kinmount Lions and took place May 28.

The Kinmount Lions are busy Lions with two endeavours currently on the go: their Annual Summer Draw for a hand-carved bear bench, and a rain barrel sale. A truckload of rain barrels and accessories arrives at Kinmount Fairgrounds, Reid Street entrance, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 30. Order online at [rainbarrel.ca/KinmountLions](http://rainbarrel.ca/KinmountLions).

Treat dad to a Father's Day breakfast at Kinmount Legion on June 19. The legion hosts progressive bingo on Friday nights and meat draws on Saturdays.

Kinmount welcomes the return of Ontario Early Years with its free pre-school drop-in program the second and fourth Thursday each month from 10 a.m. until noon at Kinmount Community Centre.

More welcome news: The Kinmount Community Volunteer Management Board (KCVMB) has done it again!

Recently, they graced the town with new flower barrels and hanging baskets and installed new waste disposal containers around the village. Coming up, the KCVMB hosts a Canada Day Celebration/Picnic July 1, at Kinmount Fairgrounds. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Live entertainment, BBQ, wagon



One of the display highlights at the Kinmount Meet Your Community event was a sneak peak of the third section of a mural depicting Kinmount Fair throughout the years. The entire mural may be viewed at this year's 150th Fair on Labour Day weekend. /Photo by Lynne Kilby

rides, games and a Legion colour party parade are followed by fireworks. The KCVMB is excited to host the return of their free concert series, Music in the Park, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday evenings during July and August. Along with sponsorship from the Kinmount Lions and guest sponsors such as Crystal Lake Community Association and Salmon Lake Cottage Association, the KCVMB is thrilled to offer the following line up for your listening pleasure:

## July

7 The WANTED  
14 Jeff Moulton  
21 Gary & the Rough Ideas  
28 Rick Fines

## August

4 Cash on the Barrelhead

11 Rhythm & Grace  
18 The Recycled Teenagers  
25 The Highlands Trio

The times are a-changing. Kinmount bids farewell and best wishes to Tim Harrison, owner of the K & T Café. After 20 years serving the community, Tim closed up shop to retire. The good news is two new eateries emerged; the Edgewater Grill and Bottled-Up Meals to Go.

In the mood for exploring? Here's some ideas: the farmers' market, model railway museum, and the heritage centre welcome you on Saturdays, and just up the trail discover Kinmount Artisan's Marketplace, now open six days a week. (Closed Tuesdays.) Never know what you might find there!

Stay tuned ... rumour has it the annual Ghost Tour may return! Keep updated at [kinmount.ca](http://kinmount.ca).

Take care and happy summer!

## Highland Yard virtual race, in-person party planned

by DARREN LUM  
Times Staff

Places for People (P4P) is the real winner of the Highland Yard run.

Its long-time organizer Jack Russel said the annual event is important to the not-for-profit organization, which helps to create affordable housing opportunities for people in the Highlands.

"The Highland Yard continues to be the major fundraiser for Places for People and the need for affordable housing continues to be a critical issue – money raised goes directly to Places for People as it transitions from managing single dwellings to a multi-unit dwelling [planned] in Haliburton on Wallings Road. [It will provide] individuals/families with secure housing [and] is crucial for their ability to manage life transitions," he wrote in an email.

Russel adds the run and its fundraising aspect provides in-

dividuals an opportunity to connect with the community and fulfill the need to support affordable housing in Haliburton County.

"This has always been our goal since 2012 when P4P offered the Highland Yard. Of course, we have also wished to provide a great measured race for those who wish to compete and achieve their personal best time in either the five kilometre or 10 kilometre distances," he wrote.

There are also options such as a two kilometre and freestyle "runs" that don't require any running, including the 7.3 kilometre "Heritage" distance. Registration is open for the event. See website [www.highlandyard.ca](http://www.highlandyard.ca) for more information and to register.

The virtual run enables participants to complete their distances and whatever they choose to do for the event wherever they are, as it has been the last two years.

He said, "The committee decided in March to offer another virtual run given the uncertainty of COVID, but we also wished to bring people together, thus the celebration event at

Abbey Gardens."

The celebration is on Sept. 10 and recognizes the 50 year history of the run, as it was formerly known as the Heineken Yard, which ended with a celebration at the Rockcliffe Tavern in Minden.

"Had it not been for two staff members from Camp Onondaga, who were having a day off enjoying lunch at the Rockcliffe and betted that one could beat the other in a race from the camp to the Rockcliffe, this race would not be what it is," he wrote. "We wish to celebrate this history! So, on Sept. 10, there will be speeches, food, live music, a one kilometre race for the kids, an opportunity to Pet The Ponies, and the awarding of the Dave Jones Fundraising Award. Dave Jones was a long-time runner in the 'Yard' and over the past 10 years fundraised around \$40,000 for Places for People. When he died, he bequeathed \$10,000 to P4P. Dave was a huge advocate for affordable housing in Haliburton County and believed strongly in the mission of Places for People."

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"Post-natal can be an emotional time, so exercise is a form of therapy, both physical and mental," notes Meghan.

Molly Thurston, who took part in a recent walk with her son Hendrix, feels it is helpful getting out, talking about child-related topics (or not), and just meeting other moms. There are also lunges, squats, planks, hip dips, and a final stretch incorporated into the 45-minute free sessions. We will be walking on Friday mornings in Minden during the month of June, please contact us if you would like to join.

Another free community outing that we have planned later in the month takes place at Abbey Gardens. We will enjoy a garden adventure, which will include games, art, an inter-

active story, making a healthy snack, and having fun in the enchanted forest. Details to register for this special program will be posted on our Facebook page soon. Keep an eye out for it!

A big change to our Play and Learn programs as of June 1 is that they are now 'drop in' – which means no need to register in advance for our regularly scheduled programs. We anticipate this change will provide the flexibility families need and also increase opportunities for families to join the fun at our centres.

For more information, or Zoom schedules, please see our Facebook page at [facebook.com/oeyc.haliburtonvictoriaabrock](https://facebook.com/oeyc.haliburtonvictoriaabrock) or website at [www.oeyc.ca](http://www.oeyc.ca). You can also call us at 705-324-7900, we love to connect with families!

*Submitted by Julie Bosker  
EarlyON Child and Family Centre  
Program co-ordinator*



Brenda Duncan reads a story as part of the Mindfulness Monday program at EarlyON.



Nicole Spooner, Lianna Hardy, Molly Thurston, Rachel Mackay and Alyson Bailey with their children after a recent stroller walk with EarlyON and Just Movement Fitness.



The children practice their karate chops during the Mindfulness session at the EarlyON Centre.



Lianna Hardy with Rylee, and Lindsay Bull with William, enjoy the sunshine and time together during our walk.



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AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN

Fawns and felines

From the dozen+ deer that Don Kerr saw visiting the Minden Cat Angels shelter grounds all winter, a couple are returning regularly to visit with their feline friends. "Hoping maybe they will soon bring some fawn," said Don. For more information about the Minden Cat Angels, visit their Facebook page @ mindencatangels. / Photo submitted by Don Kerr



Here's how to tell if a fawn needs to be rescued. The top picture is of a healthy fawn. Bright eyes, ears perky and legs nicely tucked underneath. The fawn is relaxed, lying down and trying hard to be perfectly still. It is not wandering or crying excessively for mom. For the first few weeks of its life, mom will leave it on its own as she forages for food. It's still too fragile and wobbly to walk far distances, so it waits, quietly all alone, for mom to return. The doe will come to feed her baby only if there is nobody around, so give them space and quiet time before intervening in any way. The bottom picture is of a truly orphaned fawn. Weak and depressed, notice how the tips of the ears are curled back. This is a tell-tale sign of a fawn in distress. This fawn is dehydrated and starved. The fur looks wrinkled and it is not "sitting pretty." It may cry out loudly, and extensively, and if strong enough, will wander about and even follow people or other animals, trying to suckle. Rescue a fawn only if you are certain the mother will not return, or the fawn is obviously ill or severely injured. Call Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary or your closest wildlife rehab centre to confirm before intervening. Let healthy fawns catnap - so please don't kidnap. To learn more about Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, visit [woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca](http://woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca) or call 705-286-1133. /Submitted by Monika Melichar



Treetop trekking

Rustin, the tree-climbing cairn terrier, found himself in a bit of a predicament at his home on Queen's Line last week. "He loves chasing squirrels and this may be the reason he climbed up this tree," said his Grandpa, John MacGillivray. "Very unusual for a dog to climb like that. He went up but could not get down by himself and had to be rescued. He is such a wonderful amazing dog." /Photo by Andrew MacGillivray



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Massive muskie

Kate Espina shows quite the catch she made during the opening weekend of muskie season. The fish weighed in at 50 inches and 45 pounds, and was caught in a lake in Algonquin Highlands. /Photo submitted by Kate Espina



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Beloved wife of Jim. Dear Mother of Liz, Jim, Kim, Ron and Jody. Loving grandmother of Aidan, Cameron, Lacy, Merissa and Lori. Dear daughter of Ron Clark and Marie (deceased), sister of Barb.

Friends are invited to visit the family at 1105 Halls Lake Rd., Algonquin Highlands, Ontario on Sunday, June 19, 2022 from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm.

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*Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, June 3, 2022, at the age of 83.*



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## Drainville opposes Sunday shopping law

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

Despite the wishes of local businesses and the provincial government, MPP Dennis Drainville says he will vote against changes to Sunday shopping legislation.

In an interview last week Drainville, who is a member of the New Democratic Party, said he does not agree with his party's decision to back-off on restricted Sunday shopping, a move which was prompted by public opinion.

"In the last three years polling figures have shown a complete turn around," he said. "There is much more of a demand for Sunday shopping and the government is trying to respond."

Drainville also said the government is trying to deal with the fact that legislation designed to restrict Sunday shopping has been difficult to enforce.

Last year the government introduced changes to the Retail Business Holidays Act which prohibited most stores from opening Sunday, except where municipalities pass by-laws permitting the operation of tourism-related businesses.

However Premier Bob Rae has been under increasing pressure from Ontario's business community to review the NDP's position and allow Sunday shopping.

Opening for business on Sunday was seen as a way to bolster the retail sector, which has suffered during the recession, and supporters claimed that Sunday shopping would decrease the number of Ontario residents who head south to shop in the United States.

Recently Rae announced that his government would reverse its earlier stand and would introduce changes to the legislature which would permit wide-open Sunday shopping, and that these changes would be put before a free vote by MPPs. Until the vote is taken, stores will be allowed to open on Sundays.

Free from party discipline, Drainville says he will vote against his government and against Sunday shopping.

"Quality of life means people are afforded the opportunity to have certain periods of time off work," he said. "I understand why the government is doing this, but I believe there has to be a stand taken."

Drainville supported the concept of a tourism exemption which would have allowed businesses in Haliburton County to remain open while other areas of the province would have to remain closed.

But even within areas operating under the tourism exemption, Drainville does not favour unrestricted business activity. "In our riding there is no need for every shop to be open on Sunday," he said.

The date of the vote has not yet been announced and Drainville says the government may face some tough opposition to the bill, from its own party members.

"There is a quite a split in the party," he said. "This is not something which is going to pass without a problem."

Drainville believes the lobby for Sunday shopping has been back mostly by large chains and the Toronto media, which stands to gain from increased advertising revenue.

Faced with competitors opening their doors on Sundays, Drainville says small businesses will have tough time trying to stay closed.

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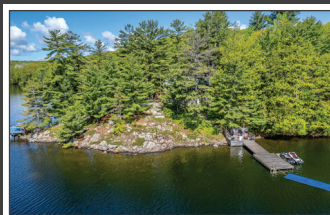
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